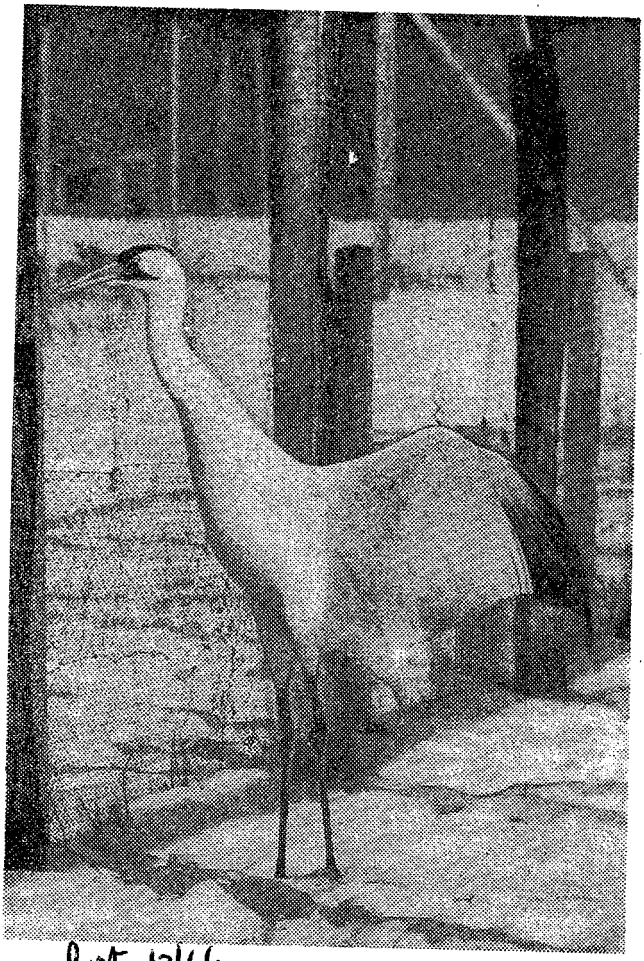

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A WING AND A PRAYER—Fully recovered from an operation that left him with no right wing, Canus, one of North America's remaining 50 whooping cranes, surveys the scene at Laurel's Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. Found three years ago with a bad wing in the Northwest Territory, the half-year-old was shipped by Canadian authorities to scientists in Colorado for corrective surgery. The early operations couldn't save the wing; last October it was taken off. But Canus—whose name symbolizes the conservation cooperation between Canada and the United States—may become a great bird. In the next year or two, when he is mature, scientists plan to mate him with a female whooper in an attempt to save his dying race.